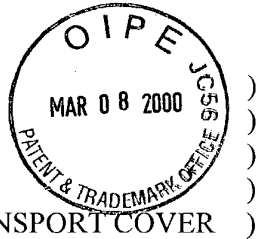


PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Alice M. Butterworth  
Serial No. 09/276,375  
Filed: March 25, 1999  
Title: VEHICLE TRANSPORT COVER



) Group: 3612

) Examiner: G. Hoge

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits but before a final action or a notice of allowance has issued in the case. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$240 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of this statement.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents, certain of which are further explained by the remarks below, be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed.

REMARKS

The present invention pertains to the art of vehicle transport covers. The vehicle transport cover shown in various views in the enclosed photographs that are identified as Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 is believed to constitute prior art under U.S. Patent Law. No brochures or other producer-written materials describing this particular cover have been located. Applicant wishes the teachings of this cover to be part of the record, and has provided a description of certain pertinent aspects thereof in the application on page 2, line 13 - page 4, line 14, as well as included the enclosed figures.

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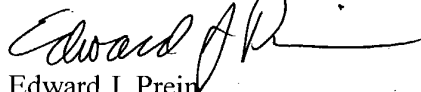
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The vehicle transport cover shown in various views in the enclosed photographs that are identified as Figs. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 is believed to constitute prior art under U.S. Patent Law. No brochures or other producer-written materials describing this particular cover have been located. Applicant wishes the teachings of this cover to be part of the record, and has provided a description of certain pertinent aspects thereof in the application on page 2, lines 5-12, as well as included the enclosed figures.

The Examiner will note that the dates of some of the enclosed references are presently unknown. Furthermore, Applicant is not admitting that such references or the patents qualify as prior art. However, to further prosecution, Applicant requests that these references be considered by the Examiner at this time and made of record. If any document is found to pose an obstacle to patentability, Applicant will undertake more exhaustive efforts to ascertain the prior art status of that document.

If any extension of time or additional payment of fee is necessary in connection with this paper, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes any charges be made to deposit account 02-0390, BAKER & DANIELS.

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
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